

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of specifying settings used with a file, said method
2 comprising:
3 accessing said file using a software application, wherein associated with
4 said application are global settings applied to said file, said application
5 automatically imposing said global settings on all files associated with said
6 application by default;
7 saving a file-specific setting defined for said file, said file-specific setting
8 replacing a corresponding global setting defined by said application for said
9 file, wherein said global settings for other files associated with said application
10 are unchanged by said file-specific setting; and
11 upon subsequent accessing of said file, using said file-specific setting
12 instead of said corresponding global setting.

1 2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
2 accessing said file; and
3 overriding said corresponding global setting with said file-specific setting.

1 3. The method of Claim 1 further comprising saving said file-specific
2 setting with the content of said file.

1 4. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
2 associating said file-specific setting with said file; and
3 saving said file-specific setting separate from the content of said file.

1 5. The method of Claim 4 wherein said file-specific setting is saved in
2 a registry, wherein said registry comprises a hierarchical arrangement of
3 application-specific global settings and file-specific settings.

1 6. The method of Claim 1 wherein said file-specific setting is
2 associated with the file name of said file, and wherein said file-specific setting is
3 indexed using said file name.

1 7. The method of Claim 6 wherein said file is associated with a Web
2 page and said file name comprises a Uniform Resource Locator.

1 8. The method of Claim 1 wherein said file-specific setting is derived
2 from the content of said file.

1 9. The method of Claim 1 wherein the file name of said file comprises
2 a string of characters that invoke said file-specific setting.

1 10. The method of Claim 1 wherein said file-specific setting comprises
2 display window size and position with respect to said application.

1 11. The method of Claim 1 wherein said file comprises multiple pages
2 for display by said application, wherein said file-specific setting comprises
3 identification of a page last displayed when said file was closed.

1 12. A system for specifying settings used with a file, said system
2 comprising:
3 a software application for accessing said file, wherein associated with
4 said application are global settings applied to said file, said application
5 automatically imposing said global settings on all files associated with said
6 application by default;
7 a software storage element for saving a file-specific setting defined for
8 said file, said file-specific setting replacing a corresponding global setting
9 defined by said application for said file, wherein said global settings for other
10 files associated with said application are unchanged by said file-specific setting,
11 and wherein upon subsequent accessing of said file said file-specific setting is
12 used instead of said corresponding global setting.

1 13. The system of Claim 12 wherein said corresponding global setting
2 is overridden with said file-specific setting.

1 14. The system of Claim 12 wherein said file comprises said storage
2 element so that said file-specific setting is saved with the content of said file.

1 15. The system of Claim 12 wherein said storage element comprises a
2 reference file, wherein said file-specific setting is saved separate from the
3 content of said file.

1 16. The system of Claim 15 wherein said storage element comprises a
2 registry, wherein said registry comprises a hierarchical arrangement in which
3 file-specific settings are sorted by application.

1 17. The system of Claim 12 wherein said storage element is
2 associated with the file name of said file, and wherein said storage element is
3 indexed using said file name.

1 18. The system of Claim 17 wherein said file is associated with a Web
2 page and said file name comprises a Uniform Resource Locator.

1 19. The system of Claim 12 wherein said file-specific setting is derived
2 from the content of said file.

1 20. The system of Claim 12 wherein the file name of said file
2 comprises a string of characters that invoke said file-specific setting.

1 21. The system of Claim 12 wherein said file-specific setting
2 comprises display window size and position with respect to said application.

1 22. The system of Claim 12 wherein said file comprises multiple
2 pages for display by said application, wherein said file-specific setting
3 comprises identification of a page last displayed when said file was closed.

1 23. A method of establishing settings for a file, said method
2 comprising:
3 accessing said file, said file associated with a software application, said
4 application imposing global settings on all files associated with said application
5 by default;

6 overriding a global setting associated with said application and applied
7 to said file with a file-specific setting defined for said file, wherein said global
8 settings for other files associated with said application are unchanged by said
9 overriding; and
10 executing said file with said file-specific setting in use in lieu of said
11 global setting.

1 24. The method of Claim 23 wherein said file-specific setting is saved
2 with the content of said file.

1 25. The method of Claim 23 wherein said file-specific setting is saved
2 separate from the content of said file.

1 26. The method of Claim 25 wherein said file-specific setting is saved
2 in a registry, wherein said file-specific setting is indexed in said registry using
3 said file name.

1 27. The method of Claim 26 wherein said file is associated with a Web
2 page and said file name comprises a Uniform Resource Locator.

1 28. The method of Claim 23 wherein said file-specific setting is
2 derived from the content of said file.

1 29. The method of Claim 23 wherein the file name of said file
2 comprises a string of characters that invoke said file-specific setting.

1 30. The method of Claim 23 wherein said file-specific setting
2 comprises display window size and position with respect to said application.

1 31. The method of Claim 23 wherein said file comprises multiple
2 pages for display, and wherein said file-specific setting comprises identification
3 of a page last displayed when said file was closed.